



## South African “SCHMIDT” Progenitor

*Meaning: derived from the German word "Schmied" meaning "blacksmith" and/or "metalworker".*

The original (or first) SCHMIDT progenitor in South Africa was Christiaan SCHMIDT. He came to South Africa from Halle. His occupation was noted as a saddler from 1719-1723 and he died in 1734. He was married to Anna BOTHA - daughter of progenitor Frederick Botha and Maria Kickers.

Christiaan SCHMIDT had 3 children with Anna Botha before his death in 1734 after which she re-married a Johann Friedrich Muller and then had another 3 children.

The SCHMIDT children were:

- 1 - Anna Rosina Schmidt
- 2 - Anna Catharina Schmidt
- 3 - Christiaan Schmidt

It must be noted that there were many other immigrants that came to South Africa (in the early years of settlement) bearing the SCHMIDT name.

The SCHMIDT surname, being a very common surname, was linked to a lot of well-known people. Here is just a few.

Alexander Schmidt (physiologist) (1831–1894), Baltic German physiologist  
Alfred Schmidt (weightlifter) (1898–1972), Estonian weightlifter and Olympic medallist  
Andreas Schmidt (baritone), born 1960, German classical singer  
Andreas Schmidt (footballer), born 1973, German footballer, twin brother of Oliver Schmidt  
Annie M. G. Schmidt (1911–1995), Dutch writer  
Arno Schmidt (1914–1979), German author and translator  
Bernhard Schmidt (1879–1935), Estonian-German astronomer, inventor of the Schmidt camera  
Boss Schmidt (1880–1932), American major league catcher  
Brian Schmidt (born 1967), U.S.-Australian astrophysicist and Nobel laureate  
Brian L. Schmidt (born 1962), music composer for video games and pinball games  
Bryan Schmidt (born 1981), an American ice hockey player  
Bryan Schmidt (footballer) (born 1995), an Argentine footballer  
Burghart Schmidt (historian) (born 1962), German historian  
Burghart Schmidt born 1942, German philosopher  
Carl Schmidt (chemist) (1822–1894), Baltic German chemist  
Carl Friedrich Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Carmela Schmidt (born 1962), East German freestyle swimmer  
Carolina Schmidt (born 1967), Chilean politician and businesswoman  
Casper Schmidt (1842–1889), American politician  
Charles C. Schmidt (1907–1966), American politician  
Diane Grob Schmidt, American chemist  
Earl W. Schmidt, American jurist and politician  
Eduard Oscar Schmidt (1823–1886), German zoologist and phycologist  
Erhard Schmidt (1876–1959), German mathematician  
Eric Schmidt (born 1955), executive chairman, former CEO, of Google  
Erich Schmidt (archaeologist) (1897–1964), German archaeologist  
Erich Schmidt (historian) (1853–1913) German historian of literature  
Ferenc Schmidt (1941–2011), Hungarian politician and MP  
Firmin Martin Schmidt (1918–2005), American Roman Catholic bishop  
Francis Schmidt (1885–1944), American college baseball coach

Franklin J. W. Schmidt (1901–1935), American naturalist, brother of Karl Patterson  
Franz Schmidt (1874–1939), Austrian composer  
Frithjof Schmidt (born 1953), German politician  
Fritz Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Gavin Schmidt, Climatologist  
Gerhard Schmidt (crystallographer) (1919–1971), organic chemist and chemical crystallographer  
Gerhard Carl Schmidt (1865–1949), German chemist  
Gerhard Schmidt (art historian) (1924–2010), professor of the history of art  
Gunther Schmidt (born 1939), German mathematician  
Gunter Schmidt (born 1938), German sexologist  
Günter Schmidt (arachnologist) (1926–2016)  
Hans Christian Schmidt (born 1953), Danish politician  
Hans Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Hans-Thilo Schmidt (1888–1943), German spy for France in the 1930s  
Harald Schmidt (born 1957), German television entertainer  
Harry Schmidt (Air National Guard), US Air National Guard pilot  
Harry Schmidt (USMC) (1886–1968), US Marine Corps general  
Harvey Schmidt (1929–2018), American composer  
Heide Schmidt (born 1948), Austrian politician  
Helle Thorning-Schmidt (born 1966), Danish Prime Minister  
Helmut Schmidt (footballer) (born 1949), German football player  
Helmut Schmidt (parapsychologist), German parapsychologist  
Helmut Schmidt (1918–2015), German chancellor  
Henry C. Schmidt (born 1937), American historian  
Herbert B. Schmidt (born 1931), German economist  
Howard A. Schmidt (1949–2017), American computer security specialist  
Irmin Schmidt (born 1937), German rock keyboard player  
Isaac Jacob Schmidt (1779–1847), Dutch/Russian linguist and academician  
Jacques Schmidt (1933–1996), French costume designer.  
Jason Schmidt (born 1973), American baseball player  
Jean Schmidt (born 1951), American politician  
Joe Schmidt (born 1932), American football player  
Johann Kaspar Schmidt (1806–1856), German philosopher known as Max Stirner  
Johann Anton Schmidt (1823–1905), German botanist  
Joe Schmidt (born 1965), New Zealand rugby union coach  
Johannes Schmidt (biologist) (1877–1933), Danish biologist  
Johannes Schmidt (linguist) (1843–1901), German linguist  
Joost Schmidt (1893–1948), teacher at the Bauhaus  
Jordan Schmidt (born 1989), American music producer  
Josef Friedrich Schmidt (1871–1948), German board game inventor  
Joseph Hermann Schmidt (1804–1852), professor of Obstetrics in Berlin  
Joseph Schmidt (1904–1942), singer, actor  
Julius Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Justin O. Schmidt (entomologist), creator of the index of insect sting pain.  
Jürgen Schmidt (born 1941), German speed skater  
Karl Patterson Schmidt (1890–1957), Chief Curator of Zoology, Field Museum of Natural History  
Karl Schmidt-Rottluff (1884–1976), German painter  
Katherine Schmidt (1899–1978), American artist  
Kendall Schmidt (1990–present), American actor, singer  
Kurt Schmidt (1891–1945), German Lieutenant-General during the Second World War.  
Luís Eduardo Schmidt (born 1979), Brazilian football player  
Maarten Schmidt (born 1929), Dutch-American astronomer  
Martin Johann Schmidt (1718–1801), also called Kremser Schmidt Kremsterschmidt, Austrian painter  
Max Schmidt (1818–1901), German painter  
Max Schmidt (Waffen-SS) (de) (1920–2002), commandant Fürstengrube subcamp of Auschwitz, 1944-1945  
Michael Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Mike Schmidt (born 1949), American baseball player, third baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies

Milt Schmidt (1918–2017), Canadian hockey player  
Monika Schmidt, Australian judge  
Noémie Schmidt (born 1990), Swiss actress  
Olaf Schmidt (born 1962), German glider aerobatic pilot  
Ole Schmidt (de) (1928–2010), Danish conductor and composer  
Oliver Schmidt, born 1973, German footballer, twin brother of Andreas Schmidt (above)  
Olle Schmidt (born 1949), Swedish politician  
Oscar Schmidt (born 1958), Brazilian basketball player  
Otto Schmidt (1891–1956), Soviet scientist  
Paul Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Peter Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Petra Schmidt (born 1963), German soprano  
Pyotr Schmidt (1867–1906, Russian revolutionary of 1905  
Renate Schmidt (born 1943), German Federal Minister for family affairs  
Rob Schmidt (born 1965), American film director and writer  
Sophie Schmidt, Canadian soccer player  
Steve Schmidt, American campaign strategist and public relations expert for the U.S. Republican Party  
Thomas Schmidt (footballer)  
Tim Schmidt (born 1986), Australian rules footballer  
Tony Schmidt (born 1980), German racing driver  
Torsten Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Ulla Schmidt (born 1949), German Federal Minister for health  
Vasili Schmidt (1886–1938), Soviet politician and statesman  
Vera Schmidt (born 1982), Hungarian singer-songwriter  
Walter Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Wilhelm Schmidt (disambiguation)  
William Schmidt (disambiguation)  
Wolfgang M. Schmidt (born 1933), mathematician